

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF HEMSWORTH

ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
for 1967



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ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
for 1967



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Public Health Staff

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Public Health Inspector's Department

Senior Public Health Inspector.	C. T. Peacock, F.A.P.H.I., M.Inst.P.C.	
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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF HEMSWORTH

Public Health Department,  
Adiscombe House,  
Barnsley Road,  
Hemsworth.

To the Chairman and Members of the Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my annual report on the health and health services in your district for the year 1967.

The form of the report is as in previous years in two parts, the first of which deals with the vital statistics of the Hemsworth Rural District and gives factual information on the numbers and rates of births and deaths and incidence of infectious diseases. Some of the rates are compared with the West Riding as a whole and with national figures for England and Wales.

In the second part of the report the operation of the personal health service within the geographical boundaries of the Hemsworth Urban and Rural districts are dealt with as one. Finally, the report of the Senior Public Health Inspector covers the work of his department the two reports complementing each other.

The mid year population as estimated by the Registrar General's department was 53,270, an increase of 210 on the previous year. There were 986 live births, 17 more than the year before and two fewer stillbirths which numbered 15.

There were 16 infant deaths, fewer by 3 than the previous year.

Regretably there was one maternal death.

Total deaths were 13 fewer than in the year before and numbered 478.

Notified cases of infectious disease increased by 205 and resulted from an increase of 74 cases of Whooping Cough and an increase of 132 cases of Measles.

The Infant Welfare Clinics have been well attended and have continued to provide a service both popular and useful. Only one ante natal clinic with a Local Authority Medical Officer in attendance continued during the year and this at the express wish of the local general practitioners. Elsewhere the midwifery staff ran relaxation and information classes in the clinic buildings.

In the field of Health Visiting the help and guidance of the highly trained staff continue to be in demand while the home nurses skills were required by a greater number of cases for a greater number of visits.

A similar increase in demand for domestic help necessitated an allocation of the equivalent of 10 full time home helps from the county central pool in addition to the 48 allocated to the division on a population basis.

The chiropody service was also much in demand and there was a gradual move from providing a service on an agency basis to a direct service run by the local authority.

Home loan of nursing equipment also increased as did the use of the ambulance service.

The community care of the mentally handicapped and disturbed continued to develop quietly and effectively.

There has been good liaison with the two other branches of the three part medical services, Hospital and General Practice and there has been no need for action under the several Sections of the National Assistance Acts.

During the year it became possible to introduce in a limited way the provision of a Cervical Cytology Service and as the number of specially trained hospital technicians increases it will be possible in the future to meet the undoubted need and demand for this service.

The report also gives details of the vaccination and immunisation procedures undertaken during the year, together with an assessment of the number of children who are considered to be protected against various infectious diseases.

The examinations undertaken in the School Health Service together with the resulting findings and details of Consultant Clinics and other specialised services have also been included.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I wish to thank you and the Members of the Health Committee for your continuing interest and support year by year and for the helpful co-operation of my colleagues in their various departments.

I am,  
Your obedient servant,

J. S. Walters

M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.  
Medical Officer of Health.



# STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area of the District	..	..	29,019 acres
Population (Registrar-General's estimated mid year)	..	..	53,270
Rateable Value (at 31.12.67)	..	..	£1,289,310
Product of 1d rate (31.12.67)	..	..	£4,900
Number of inhabited houses (estimated 31.12.67)	..	..	16,523

## VITAL STATISTICS

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	479	442	921
Illegitimate	34	31	65
	<u>513</u>	<u>473</u>	<u>986</u>

Percentage of illegitimate live births = 6.5%

## LIVE BIRTH RATE

Crude - 18.5 per 1,000 estimated population.

Adjusted - 17.2 per 1,000 estimated population.

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	7	7	14
Illegitimate	-	1	1
	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>15</u>

Still birth rate = 15.0 per 1,000 live and still births.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Total live and still births	520	481	1,001
<u>INFANT DEATHS (total under 1 year)</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	8	6	14
Illegitimate	2	-	2
	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>16</u>

<u>INFANT DEATHS (under 4 weeks)</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	3	6	9
Illegitimate	1	-	1
	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>

<u>INFANT DEATHS (under 1 week)</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	3	5	8
Illegitimate	1	-	1
	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>

#### INFANT MORTALITY RATE

Total            16.2 per 1,000 total live births.  
 Legitimate      15.2 per 1,000 total legitimate live births.  
 Illegitimate    30.8 per 1,000 total illegitimate live births.

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (infants under 4 weeks) 10.1 per 1,000 total live births.

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (infants under 1 week) 9.1 per 1,000 total live births.

Perinatal Mortality Rate (infants under one week and still births combined)  
 24.0 per 1,000 total live and still births.

Maternal Mortality    ..    One.

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
All age groups	257	221	478

#### Death Rate

Crude            - 9.0 per 1,000 total population.  
 Adjusted       - 12.7 per 1,000 total population.



COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>
<u>BIRTH RATE</u> (adjusted)					
Rural District	17.2	17.0	16.3	18.5	18.2
West Riding	18.2	18.2	18.4	18.7	18.3
England & Wales	17.2	17.7	18.0	18.4	18.2

STILL BIRTH RATE

Rural District	15.0	17.2	15.9	16.9	20.9
West Riding	15.2	14.4	16.0	17.6	18.7
England & Wales	14.8	15.4	15.7	16.3	17.3

DEATH RATE (adjusted)

Rural District	12.7	13.1	13.0	13.3	13.1
West Riding	12.0	12.9	12.4	12.8	13.3
England & Wales	11.2	11.7	11.5	11.3	12.2

INFANT MORTALITY RATE

Rural District	16.2	19.6	29.1	25.8	25.2
West Riding	19.2	19.8	20.7	22.2	23.0
England & Wales	18.3	19.0	19.0	20.0	20.9

The principal causes of death were as follows:-

<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	1	3
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	7	3	10
" " lung bronchus	16	2	18
" " breast	-	12	12
" " uterus	-	5	5
" " other sites	26	20	46
Leukaemia	3	1	4
Diabetes	3	3	6
Vascular lesions of nervous system	28	46	74
Coronary disease, angina	67	43	110
Hypertension with heart disease	4	3	7
Other heart disease	11	23	34
Other circulatory disease	7	4	11
Pneumonia	8	12	20
Bronchitis	30	6	36
Other disease of respiratory system	3	1	4
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	1	3
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Maternal cause	-	1	1
Congenital malformations	3	4	7
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	17	17	34
Motor vehicle accidents	11	1	12
All other accidents	6	8	14
Suicide	-	3	3
Totals	257	221	478

There were 13 fewer deaths than in the previous year. Of the 91 deaths resulting from malignant new growths, 18 were located in the lung or bronchus and 16 of these occurred in males.

Deaths from accidents and violence increased by 8.

The numbers of deaths resulting from other listed causes show no marked changes from previous years.

# INFANT MORTALITY

The following table shows the causes of death of all infants under one year of age:-

CAUSE of DEATH	Age Groups								MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
	Under 1 wk	1 - 2 weeks	2 - 3 weeks	3 - 4 weeks	1 - 3 mths	3 - 6 mths	6 - 9 mths	9-11 mths			
Cerebral Haemorrhage	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	3
Congenital Malformations	3	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	5	2	7
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1
Prematurity	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
Neonatal Asphyxia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Brain Tumour	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
Total	9	-	-	1	4	1	-	1	10	6	16

The 16 infant deaths is fewer by 3 than the previous year and only one death was the result of infection.

Vital statistics for the various parishes are as follows:-

PARISH	Area (acres)	Population (est.)	Live Births		Deaths		Deaths under 1 year	Still Births
			M	F	M	F		
Ackworth	2,675	4,870	43	39	26	22	2	-
Badsworth	1,547	260	6	5	3	4	-	-
Billingley	863	150	-	4	1	1	-	-
Brierley with Grimethorpe	2,583	7,940	87	69	27	31	1	1
Great Houghton	1,649	2,410	21	12	14	7	-	-
Havercroft	1,364	2,620	32	22	11	7	1	3
Hessle Hill Top and Wragby	900	125	-	-	-	-	-	-
Huntwick Foulby and Nostell	1,189	330	5	5	2	2	1	-
Kirk Smeaton	1,708	220	2	1	2	-	-	-
Little Houghton	669	990	7	8	7	2	-	1
Little Smeaton	1,043	300	3	4	4	3	1	-
Ryhill	592	2,820	19	16	19	16	1	-
Shafton	830	2,310	18	13	15	12	-	2
South Elmsall	1,426	8,010	83	82	36	42	1	5
South Hiendley	1,291	1,580	7	10	8	12	1	-
South Kirkby & Moorthorpe	2,362	12,090	103	128	53	45	5	1
Thorpe Audlin	1,310	570	6	2	2	1	-	1
Upton and North Elmsall	1,114	5,680	68	50	26	14	2	1
Walden Stubbs	1,373	85	3	2	1	-	-	-
West Hardwick	452	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	29,019	53,270	513	473	257	221	16	15
			986		478			

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

DISEASES NOTIFIED IN TOWNSHIPS

<u>Parish</u>	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Dysentery	Meningococcal Infection	Pneumonia	Food Poisoning	Respiratory Tuberculosis	Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis	Puerperal Pyrexia	TOTALS
Ackworth	4	5	7	24	-	-	-	1	-	-	41
Badsworth & Thorpe Audlin	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Brierley with Grimethorpe	-	3	7	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	13
Great Houghton	-	20	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
Havercroft	2	39	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Kirk Smeaton/Little Smeaton and Walden Stubbs	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Little Houghton	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Ryhill	6	13	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Shafton	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
South Elmsall	16	-	114	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	137
South Kirkby	23	-	230	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	257
Upton and North Elmsall	12	1	170	14	2	-	-	-	-	1	200
Wragby, Nostell & Foulby	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Middlecliffe	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
South Hiendley	-	12	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Totals	69	98	558	39	2	1	1	9	3	2	782



CASES NOTIFIED MONTH BY MONTH

<u>Disease</u>	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTALS
Scarlet Fever	5	9	7	8	6	2	4	5	4	6	2	11	69
Whooping Cough	2	8	11	10	9	11	9	6	17	2	2	11	98
Measles	51	95	196	115	66	22	5	-	5	1	2	-	558
Dysentery	5	-	-	2	-	-	-	6	3	7	6	10	39
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Respiratory Tuberculosis	-	1	2	1	1	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	9
Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
TOTALS	64	113	216	137	82	36	20	17	31	16	16	34	782

Notified cases of infectious diseases increased in number by 205. There was an increase of 74 cases of Whooping Cough and 132 cases of Measles during the year. Otherwise there were no significant changes in numbers of other notified infective illnesses.



CASES CLASSIFIED INTO AGE GROUPS

<u>Disease</u>	Under 1 year	1 to 2 years	3 to 4 years	5 to 9 years	10 to 14 years	15 to 24 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 64 years	65 and over	TOTALS
Scarlet Fever	-	5	29	31	3	1	-	-	-	-	69
Whooping Cough	9	24	25	31	7	-	2	-	-	-	98
Measles	34	167	163	185	6	2	1	-	-	-	558
Dysentery	1	2	3	14	8	1	6	3	1	-	39
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	5	9
Non-Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Totals	44	199	220	263	24	9	12	4	2	5	782

TUBERCULOSIS

Number of Cases on the Register	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		<u>TOTAL</u>
	M	F	M	F	
No. of cases on Register at beginning of year	152	105	17	22	296
No. of new cases notified during the year	7	2	1	2	12
No. of cases restored to the register	-	-	-	-	-
No. of cases added other than by notification	2	1	-	-	3
No. of cases removed from the register through					
(a) death	2	1	-	-	3
(b) recovered	2	2	-	-	4
(c) left the district	4	4	-	-	8
No. of cases remaining on the register at the end of the year	153	101	18	24	296

There were 12 new cases 9 of which were respiratory notified during the year.

The number remaining on the register at the year end is unchanged and totals 296.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE

HEALTH DIVISION NO. 23

HEMSWORTH URBAN DISTRICT

HEMSWORTH RURAL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT  
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DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER  
1967

by

J. S. WALTERS

M.C., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

DIVISIONAL STAFF (at 31.12.67)

Divisional Medical Officer and Divisional School Medical Officer

JOHN S. WALTERS, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Assistant County Medical Officers and School Medical Officers

Edith E. Cromb, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Senior).  
Josephine Hayes, M.B., Ch. B.  
C. H. Merry, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Clinic Medical Officer (part-time)

J. W. McRobert M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O.

School Dental Officers

Mr. J. Morris, L.D.S.

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Mr. K. U. Nasir, B.D.S.

Leeds Regional Hospital Board

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J. W. Jordan, M.D., M.R.C.P.  
J. D. Pickup, M.D., Ch.B., D.C.H.  
K. Prasher, M.B., B.Sc., D.O.

Visiting and Consultant Staff

Orthopaedic Surgeon.  
Chest Physician.  
Paediatrician.  
Ophthalmologist.

Divisional Nursing Officer

Miss D. Marsh.

Health Visitors and School Nurses

Mrs. M. Newton.	Miss N. Miskell.	Mrs. N. Cookson.
Mrs. D. Lindsey.	Mrs. B. Thorpe.	Miss M. Kennington.
Miss F. M. Vamplew.	Mrs. E. T. Folan.	Mrs. V. Firth.
Mrs. F. J. Makinson.		

Assistant Health Visitors

Mrs. D. Clark.	Mrs. B. K. Hough.	Mrs. D. M. Sadler.
	Mrs. J. A. Wilson.	

Midwives

Miss S. Blanchard.	Miss M. L. Heyward.	Mrs. M. V. Porter.
Mrs. V. Crawford.	Mrs. L. Jenkins.	Mrs. W. Robinson.
Mrs. L. Allan.	Mrs. A. W. Jones.	Mrs. B. Hesketh.
Miss J. E. Miles.	Miss F. King.	

### Home Nurses

Mrs. G. Bristow.	Mrs. J. Kitchen.	Mrs. M. Watson.
Mrs. J. O. Garratt.	Mrs. M. C. Kitching.	Mrs. M. Giles.
Mrs. G. A. King.	Mrs. E. R. Leake.	Mrs. J. Megson.
Mrs. B. Harrison.	Mrs. F. B. Houghton.	Mrs. K. Clayton.

### Mental Health

Mental Welfare Officers	-	Mr. E. A. Johnson. Mr. P. Noden.
Hemsworth Training Centre	-	Mrs. A. Ellis (Supervisor) Miss D. Casey. Mrs. I. Evans. Mr. L. I. Wright. Mrs. S. M. Greenslade. Mrs. M. Herbert. Miss E. Money. Mr. W. Rollinson.

<u>Speech Therapist</u>	-	Miss M. Kersner.
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<u>Chiropodists</u>	-	Mr. N. Eyre. Mr. J. L. Sullivan. Mrs. S. Hughes.
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### Clerical Staff

Mr. G. Ellis - Senior Clerk.  
Mr. C. Miles - Deputy Senior Clerk.  
Mr. G. Cooper.  
Mrs. P. M. Blair.  
Mrs. I. Hinchcliffe (part-time).  
Mrs. E. M. Liptrot.  
Mrs. L. Jeffery.  
Mrs. W. Theaker.  
Mrs. W. C. Ventom (part time).  
Mrs. M. M. Williams.  
Mrs. M. Chappell.

164 part-time domestic helps, caretakers, clinic cleaners etc.



## CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN AND NURSING SERVICES

### (a) Child Welfare Clinics

Details of attendance at the 11 child welfare clinics show the continuing popularity of this useful service.

The doctor and health visitor present at each session are available to give advice on all aspects of child health with particular emphasis on the prevention of illness. Protective inoculations and advice on problems of feeding continue to be an important part of the work.

I would once again like to express my thanks and appreciation of the work done by the ladies of the voluntary committees associated with the various clinics, not only for the practical assistance they provide, but also for their interest in the community in which each clinic is located.

Details of the clinics and brief statistics are given below:-

<u>Address of Centre</u>	<u>Day of Opening</u>	<u>No. of Children Attended During the Year</u>	<u>Total Attendances</u>
Ackworth C.W.C. Pontefract Road, Ackworth.	Wednesday afternoon (fortnightly) Thursday afternoon (fortnightly toddlers)	257	1,902
Fitzwilliam C.W.C., Church Hall, Fitzwilliam.	Tuesday afternoon (weekly)	176	1,602
Great Houghton C.W.C., Methodist Church, Great Houghton.	Tuesday afternoon (fortnightly)	105	662
Grimethorpe C.W.C., The Clinic, Cemetery Road, Grimethorpe.	Wednesday afternoon (weekly)	302	1,960
Hemsworth C.W.C., The Clinic, Highfield Road, Hemsworth.	Thursday all day (weekly)	369	3,129
Havercroft C.W.C., Parish Hall, Havercroft.	Tuesday afternoon (weekly)	183	2,375
Shafton C.W.C., Methodist Church, Shafton.	Thursday afternoon (fortnightly)	64	535



<u>Address of Centre</u>	<u>Day of Opening</u>	<u>No. of Children Attended During the Year</u>	<u>Total Attendances</u>
South Elmsall C.W.C., The Clinic, Westfield Lane, South Elmsall.	Monday (all day) Thursday afternoon (4th in each month Toddlers.)	422	2,652
South Hiendley C.W.C., Methodist Chapel South Hiendley.	Wednesday afternoon (fortnightly)	56	471
South Kirkby C.W.C., The Clinic, Lydgate, South Kirkby.	Monday afternoon, (weekly)	452	2,691
Upton C.W.C., Welfare Hall, Upton.	Tuesday afternoon (weekly)	176	1,384
Mobile Clinic, Kirk Smeaton.	Friday morning (fortnightly)	10	90
		<hr/> 2,572	<hr/> 19,453 <hr/>

Although there were some marked changes at a few clinics an increased number of children made an increased number of attendances during the year.

(b) Ante-natal Clinics

As explained in previous reports only the Grimethorpe clinic has a Local Authority Medical Officer in attendance. In all other cases the midwife is in attendance for advice and relaxation instruction.

Brief statistics of ante-natal clinics are given below:-

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Day of Opening</u>	<u>Total number of women who attended during 1967</u>	<u>Total Attendances</u>	
			<u>Drsg. Sessions</u>	<u>Relaxation Sessions</u>
Fitzwilliam ANC, Church Hall, Fitzwilliam.	Thursday afternoon (weekly)	37	Nil	136
Grimethorpe ANC, The Clinic, Cemetery Road, Grimethorpe.	Tuesday morning (weekly)	145	939	137
Hemsworth ANC, The Clinic, Highfields Road, Hemsworth.	Wednesday morning (weekly)	18	Nil	137
Havercroft ANC, Parish Hall, Havercroft.	Tuesday afternoon, (weekly)	12	Nil	90
South Kirkby ANC, The Clinic Lydgate, South Kirkby.	Tuesday afternoon (weekly)	53	Nil	156
TOTALS		265	939	656

(c) Health Visiting

The health visiting staff continue to provide skill, knowledge and experience in performing their main duty of maintaining a healthy happy family unit.

The responsibility of ensuring necessary supportive services for an increasing number of elderly citizens continues to occupy much of the health visitors time and at the same time she has important statutory duties to infants and school children.

The summary of visits and attendances gives some indication of the scope and volume of the health visitors work.

Total visits to:-	Children born in 1967 ..	5,797
	Children born in 1966 ..	4,401
	Children born in 1962-65 ..	6,251
	Tuberculosis households ..	212

aged 65 and over excluding

Home help visits ..	2,388
Visit to home help cases ..	7,454
Other cases ..	370
Problem families ..	541
Clinic sessions ..	1,917

(d) Midwifery

There were 407 domiciliary confinements, 56 fewer than in 1966. This fall reflects a policy of maximum use of available maternity beds for priority groups.

The domiciliary midwives also attended 631 mothers who were confined in hospital but were discharged before the tenth day.

The notified births in the division totalled 1,289.

Illegitimate Children

59 cases were especially dealt with during the year. There were 39 single women for many of whom a three month stay in moral welfare home was arranged and the County Council accepted financial responsibility for their maintenance.

Age Group of Mothers

Care of Baby

15 - 19 years ..	18	..	Adopted ..	2
20 - 24 years ..	23	..	Baby fostered ..	Nil
25 - 29 years ..	11	..	To care of grandparents ..	1
30 - 39 years ..	7	..	Kept by mother ..	52
40 and over ..	Nil	..	Baby died ..	4
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	59			59
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### Premature Infants

100 babies weighing  $5\frac{1}{2}$  lbs or less at birth were notified in the division in 1967. 7 sets of twins were included in the figure. Details are as follows:-

<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Stillborn</u>	<u>Alive</u>	<u>Died Within</u>			<u>Survived over 4 weeks</u>
				<u>24 hrs.</u>	<u>1 week</u>	<u>4 weeks</u>	
Home	17	2	15	1	-	-	14
Hospital	94	13	81	4	2	-	75
	111	15	96	5	2	-	89

#### (e) Home Nursing

There was an increase of 57 in the number of cases attended during the year.

Brief statistics are given below:-

	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Visits</u>
Total ..	1,660	36,980
Patients aged 65 and over included above	678	22,290
Patients who received more than 24 visits	356	27,349

### OTHER HEALTH SERVICES

#### (a) Domestic Helps

The Division is allocated the equivalent of 48 full time home helps each week, but the demand for the service continued to increase and it was again necessary to draw from the reserve county pool and during the year the equivalent of 58.1 full time staff had been continuously employed.

At the end of the year 142 part-time workers were employed in the service.

The number of cases attended increased by 34 and the total number of hours allocated increased by 6,972.

The number and type of cases helped are as follows:-

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>	<u>Total Hours Employed</u>
Aged 65 and over	754	107,889
Under 65 years		
(a) Chronic sick & T.B.	67	8,163
(b) Maternity	8	502
(c) Others	41	4,289
	870	120,843



(b) Chiropody

Statistics are given below:-

<u>Agency Services</u>	<u>At Surgery Or Clinic</u>	<u>At Home</u>	<u>Type of Case</u>	
			<u>Pensioners</u>	<u>Physically Hand.</u>
(Hemsworth and District Old Peoples Welfare Association)				
Total patients <u>treated</u>	100	48	140	8
Total treatments given	476	202	-	-

<u>Direct Service</u>	<u>At Surgery or Clinic</u>	<u>At Home</u>	<u>Type of Case</u>	
			<u>Pensioners</u>	<u>Physically Hand</u>
Services arranged at West Riding Clinics				
Total patients <u>treated</u>	945	501	1,405	41
Total treatments given	3,914	2,202	-	-

The increasing provision of direct service both at local authority clinics and in the patients home with a reduction in that provided through Old Peoples Welfare Association continued through the year.

(c) Loan of Nursing Equipment

Considerable stocks of nursing equipment ranging from bedding to wheel chairs are held by home nurses and at the Health Department for the issue on loan to patients being nursed at home. In all 20 different items are stocked and many more can be obtained from central supplies at short notice.

Some 840 loans were made during the year. An increase of 63 on the previous year.

(d) Ambulance Service

All ambulance calls in the Division are dealt with by the South Kirkby Depot the service being under the direct control of the County Ambulance Officer who has kindly supplied the following information relating to the South Kirkby Depot:-

Outpatients	..	29,425
Admissions	..	3,672
Discharges	..	1,939
Transfers	..	673
Accident patients	..	718
Total patients	..	36,427
Stretcher cases	..	3,794
Sitting cases	..	32,633
Mileage travelled	..	284,037

Staff Details

Station Officer	..	1
Driver/Attendants	..	37
Telephonist	..	1
No. of vacancies	..	10

Cervical Cytology

During the year, arrangements were made with the laboratory at St. James Hospital, Leeds, for a number of smear tests to be taken. The service is still restricted due to a shortage of hospital technicians qualified in the expert examination required but it is hoped that we can expand the service as more qualified technicians are appointed to the hospital service.

During the year 205 women attended appointment only sessions at the Grimethorpe, Hemsworth and South Elmsall clinics. One case was referred for further examination by a consultant.

Details of attendance at the various clinics are as follows:-

Name & Address of Clinic	No. of Sessions held during the Year	No. of Patients Attending for First Time during the Year	Total No. of Smears Taken	No. of Patients with Positive Smears	No. of Patients Referred to G.P.s for Breast Tumours
Grimethorpe C.W. Clinic, Cemetery Road, Grimethorpe.	5	37	37	1	Nil
Hemsworth C.W. Clinic, Highfield Road, Hemsworth.	9	85	85	-	Nil
South Elmsall C.W. Clinic, Westfield Lane, South Elmsall.	10	83	83	-	Nil
Totals	24	205	205	1	Nil



(e) Mental Health Services

The development of community care of the mentally disordered reported in previous years continued; 210 mentally ill and 15 subnormal patients were referred for care.

The numbers of patients under care at 31.12.67 were as follows:-

	Mentally ill		Psychopath		Subnormal		Severely Subnormal		<u>TOTALS</u>
	Under	Over	Under	Over	Under	Over	Under	Over	
	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	
Attending									
Training Centre	-	-	-	-	14	28	7	8	57
Receiving home									
visits (not included	-	132	-	1	8	64	12	12	229
above)									
	-	132	-	1	22	92	19	20	286

(f) National Assistance Act, 1948 (Section 47)

No case necessitated action under the Section of the above Act during the year.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

(a) Smallpox Vaccination

The number of persons vaccinated against smallpox during 1967 was as follows:

<u>Age Groups</u>	<u>Under</u> <u>1 year</u>	<u>1-2</u> <u>years</u>	<u>2-4</u> <u>years</u>	<u>5-14</u> <u>years</u>	<u>15 years</u> <u>&amp; over</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Primary vaccination	18	48	90	46	30	232
Re-vaccination	-	-	5	30	129	164

(b) VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

Oral Vaccine - Primary Vaccinations

<u>Born in Years</u>	<u>No. of persons vaccinated during the Year 1967 who completed 3 oral vaccinations</u>
1967	184
1966	625
1965	76
1964	58
1960-63	152
Others under 16	60
Others over 16	97
	<hr/> 1,252 <hr/>

No. of persons given a fourth booster oral  
vaccination during the year 981

Total number of persons now protected  
3 injections or 3 oral 29,680

(c) B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis

(i) Contact Scheme

All contacts of known cases of tuberculosis are sought and offered skin testing and B.C.G. vaccination if necessary. This is arranged by the Chest Physician acting on behalf of the County Council.

All those negative to skin tests are offered vaccination.

<u>No. Skin Tested</u>	<u>No. Negative</u>	<u>No. Vaccinated</u>
124	37	37
		Also 4 babies vaccinated but not skin tested.

Details of those vaccinated were as follows:-

<u>Under 1 year</u>	<u>1-5 years</u>	<u>5-15 years</u>	<u>Over 15 years</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
16	13	10	2	41

(ii) Schoolchildren

Skin testing for B.C.G. Vaccination is offered to all schoolchildren in or about their 13th year. Details of the work carried out during 1967 are as follows:-

No. offered tuberculosis testing and vaccination if necessary	..	1,005
No. of acceptances	..	831
Percentage of acceptances	..	83%
No. actually tested	..	747
Result of test positive	..	36
negative	..	659
not ascertained	52	Total 747
Percentage positive	..	5%
No. vaccinated	..	658

(d) Diphtheria Immunisation

Immunisation carried out during 1967

Children Born in Years

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1958-62</u>	<u>1953-57</u>	<u>Total</u>
No. of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation	379	481	28	22	24	281	29	1,244
Total no. of children given booster injections	-	10	29	15	40	751	111	956

The following table gives the total number of children within the division under the age of 15 years who have been protected against diphtheria:-

<u>Course Completed in years</u>	<u>Under 1 year</u>	<u>1-4 years</u>	<u>5-9 years</u>	<u>10-14 years</u>	<u>Total Under 15 years</u>
1963-1967	379	3,433	3,738	1,174	8,724
1962 or earlier	-	-	888	3,045	3,933

(e) Whooping Cough Immunisation

Immunisation carried out during 1967

<u>Age at final injection</u>	<u>No. of children who completed a full course</u>
Under 6 months	538
6 months to one year	287
1 - 2 years	54
2 - 3 years	22
3 - 4 years	19
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	920
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Whooping Cough immunisation is only given to children up to the age of 4 years but the following table gives the number of children protected since the scheme began:-

	<u>Under 15 years</u>				
<u>Age at 31.12.67</u>	<u>Under 1 year</u>	<u>1-4 years</u>	<u>5-9 years</u>	<u>10-14 years</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	379	3,426	3,901	2,497	10,203

(f) Tetanus Immunisation

Immunisation carried out during the year:-

	Children Born in Years							
	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1958-62</u>	<u>1953-57</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Primary Course	379	481	28	22	24	301	103	1,338
Booster Injections	-	10	29	15	40	745	232	1,071

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

(a) Periodic Medical Inspections

During the year 3,527 children were examined at school. 545 were found to require treatment, 193 being for defective vision.

(b) Handicapped Pupils

27 children were ascertained as requiring special educational treatment, beyond the resources of the ordinary school. Details of recommendations are as follows:-

- 11 to special schools for educationally sub-normal children.
- 6 to special schools for delicate children.
- 1 to a special school for physically handicapped children.
- 6 to a special school for maladjusted children.
- 1 to a special school for the deaf.
- 1 to a special school for epileptic children.
- 1 to a special school for partially sighted children.

(c) Consultant Clinics

Specialist Eye, Orthopaedic and Paediatric Clinics are held at the Hemsworth Clinic by arrangement with the Leeds Regional Hospital Board and details are as follows:-

Eye Clinics

No. of children who  
attended during 1967

974

No. of pupils for whom  
glasses were prescribed

462

No. of clinics held  
during the year

58

Orthopaedic Clinic

No. of sessions held  
during 1967

8

No. of children who attended

55

No. of children referred  
from the clinic for operative  
treatment as short stay cases

4

Paediatric Clinic

No. of sessions held during 1967

8

No. of children who attended

51

Total Attendances

67

Speech Therapy

Our part-time speech therapist held 127 sessions during the year treating 66 children. 27 children were discharged, 24 speech normal, 2 speech improved and one unsuitable for treatment.

(e) Special Medical Examination

In addition to the normal school and clinic work, the Divisional Medical Staff also carried out 59 examinations of entrants to Training Colleges and 18 examinations under the Employment of Children Regulations.

(f) Minor Ailment Clinics

These are held at clinics and schools throughout the division and during the year 43 pupils were treated by health visitors.

(g) Infestation with Vermin

The health visitors carried out cleanliness inspections in each school at least once per term during 1967. 20,396 inspections were carried out and 327 children were found to be infested.

(h) Audiometry

During the year 695 children were tested by Assistant County Medical Officers and Health Visitors. Of these 26 children were either referred to a Consultant E.N.T. Surgeon or to the Doncaster Audiology Clinic for further investigation.



RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF HEMSWORTH

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1967



Public Health Inspector's Office,  
Brierley Hall,  
BRIERLEY,  
Barnsley.

To the Chairman and Members of the Rural Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Annual Report of the Senior Public  
Health Inspector for the Year 1967

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I have the honour to submit for your perusal my report for the year 1967.

Some difficulty was experienced due to the prolonged illness of one of the district public health inspectors, Mr. G. H. Suggitt. However, meat inspection was continued at 100% and all urgent matters were dealt with promptly, in spite of the difficulties. It was decided that two pupil public health inspectors be appointed. The resolution was put into effect before the end of the year.

The staff of the Public Cleansing Department carried out its virtually 100% seven day collection throughout the year. There was the usual crop of complaints, but that is common in all public cleansing departments, whereas the regularity of collection is not.

I am indebted to the chairmen of the various committees, to the Medical Officer of Health, and to the officials of the Council for their support throughout the year and to the foreman and staff of the Public Cleansing Department for their assistance.

I have the honour to be, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C. T. Peacock

Senior Public Health Inspector.

## HOUSING

The number of houses built by the Council and by private enterprise and ready for habitation were 200 and 140 respectively. The number of families re-housed from unfit dwellings was 183, while 5 families were re-housed from overcrowded dwellings.

104 houses were improved with the aid of grants and another 114 were purchased by means of loans from the Council totalling £127,415. The occupation of a house by the owner almost always leads to improved maintenance which results in a longer life for the property.

## VERMINOUS HOUSES

The procedure of examining the belongings of tenants before moving into Council houses was continued.

Two Council houses and eleven privately owned houses were found to be infested with bed bugs and all were treated. Although the number of houses infested with these vermin reduces year by year it is surprising that there are any at all: the certainty of eradication and the comparatively easy treatment compared with the discomfort caused by these unwanted guests makes one wonder that complaints are not made immediately the first one is found.

## WATER SUPPLY

Only 13 dwellings rely on a private supply for water, an unusually low proportion in a rural district.

The mains supplies are obtained from the following sources:-

<u>Authority</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Parishes Served</u>
Barnsley Corporation.	The River Derwent Upland surface water.	South Kirkby, South Elmsall, Grimethorpe, Brierley, Havercroft, Ryhill, Shafton, South Hiendley.
Sheffield Corporation.	Water lodge in mine.	Great Houghton, Little Houghton, Billingley.
Pontefract, Goole and Selby Water Board.	Boreholes.	Ackworth, Badsworth, Kirk Smeaton, Little Smeaton, North Elmsall, Thorpe Audlin, Upton, Huntwick- cum-Foulby-with Nostell, Hessle and Hill Top, West Hardwick.
Doncaster and District Water Board.	Boreholes.	Stubbs Walden.

After four years' spade-work by this department it was eventually agreed to proceed with the extending of the water main to the Cherry Tree Farm area. By the time that this agreement was reached the circumstances had altered and the Ministry's approval was not given.

#### STORAGE OF PETROLEUM SPIRIT

The number of premises in the rural district licensed to store petroleum spirit was 67 with a total storage capacity of 278,430 gallons.

The staff of the County Fire Service rendered valuable assistance throughout the year in ensuring that the requirements were being complied with.

#### SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The number of slaughterhouses remains at three. Some 522 visits were made during the year.

#### KNACKERS' YARDS

The one belonging to the Badsworth Hunt is the only licensed knackers yard in the rural district.

#### SLAUGHTERMEN

The number of licences issued was 16. Few young men are interested in this type of work: the work is heavy and the hours are frequently inconvenient.

#### POULTRY PROCESSING

There are no poultry processing plants in the rural district.

#### FOOD OTHER THAN FRESH MEAT

8 cwts 3 qtrs 23 lbs of food was found to be unfit for human consumption. In every case the food was surrendered voluntarily by the owner.

#### MILK

Brucellosis is now the most common milk-borne disease, one that is causing some concern to everyone interested in public health. Once it gains a foothold in a herd it is difficult to eradicate. Fortunately the milk from such a herd is rendered safe by pasteurisation.

Investigations concerning the discovery of brucellosis in one of the local herds mentioned in the 1966 Annual Report continued throughout the year and into 1968.



Unfortunately the milk was intended to be sold raw, so prompt action was necessary to ensure that it was not sold in its raw state to the public. The owner co-operated in every way and set out to eradicate brucellosis from his herd, although he realised that it would be a lengthy and costly procedure. 204 samples were taken for testing and resulted in 10 positive cases being identified. All the infected stock was removed upon identification.

#### FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS AND ICE CREAM

The object of these Regulations is to ensure that food is kept free from contamination and that the circumstances are such that the food can be so kept.

It is only rarely that difficulty is experienced in obtaining co-operation as most business people are very anxious to avoid adverse publicity. During the year it was not necessary to have recourse to legal proceedings in even one case.

The relevant statistics are as follows:-

No. of premises	..	315
No. of premises with wash-hand basins	..	315
No. of premises which <u>need</u> facilities for washing food and equipment	..	102
No. of premises which <u>have</u> facilities for washing food and equipment	..	102

#### Number in each Trade

Butchers	..	33
Grocers	..	167
Fish Fryers	..	43
Greengrocers	..	15
Confectionery	..	5
Sweets	..	28
Cafes and canteens		24

The two premises where ice cream was manufactured were visited frequently and samples taken; the majority were in the top grade.

#### MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There are no licensed caravan sites for holiday makers in this district, neither is there any demand. Three sites are licensed for residential use.

The usual number of roving van-dwellers visited the district in their never-ending quest for scrap iron. So many of them are aggressive and demanding and leave their camping sites and surrounding area littered with paper and other rubbish that they have forfeited the goodwill of virtually all those who come in contact with them. They bewail the fact that proper sites are not made available for them but do nothing to help themselves.

## SWIMMING BATHS

There are two swimming baths in the area, one being open to the public while the other one belongs to a boarding school. At both baths frequent samples are taken and recorded by the staff, while further samples are taken by a district public health inspector for laboratory examination.

It was decided that the plans for a new swimming bath at South Elmsall be implemented, consequently the inadequacies of the existing treatment plant were again not brought to the attention of the appropriate committee. Every credit was due to the staff of the baths for maintaining a satisfactory standard: it must have been a daily battle to do so.

## FACTORIES ACTS

There are 80 registered factories in the district but they do not cause the public health inspectorate much concern as co-operation is almost invariably forthcoming. Only one written notice was required and its requirements were complied with without further action.

There is quite an assortment of factories operating in the rural district - Brick and Tile, Detonators, Fireworks, Clothing, Knitwear and Hosiery, Pulverite, Asphalt, Smokeless Fuels and Chemicals, Grindstones, etc., Electricity Generating, Grist Crushing, Monumental Masonery, Engineering, Gas Purification and Storage.

A complaint was received concerning dust from the Pulverite Plant. An investigation showed that some new apparatus was being installed. In view of the large amount of finely divided dust in the air the danger of an explosion had to be guarded against.

## SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

A water-borne system of sewage disposal is to be found at every house in the district with the exception of 96. This represents a fraction of 1% without water closets which is very good in a rural district but falls short of the target of 100% with water closets.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING

There is a centralised depot with a well-equipped workshop at South Kirkby so that supervision of vehicle maintenance is more easily carried out than when there were two depots. A motor engineer, mechanic and one apprentice are employed on this work. In addition to the Public Cleansing vehicles, those in the Surveyor's Department are also catered for.

The staff consists of 11 drivers and 33 labourers for whose supervision 1 foreman and 1 deputy foreman are employed. In addition to the removal and disposal of household refuse the following duties are undertaken - erection and maintenance of public seats, cleansing of sewers other than main sewers and of combined drains vested in the local authority, the emptying of cesspools, the sweeping of the market, the collection and baling of waste paper. An assortment of vehicles is used for this work.



During the year the refuse tips in use were at South Kirkby Recreation Ground, where a virtually useless, sloping 3.69 acres is being levelled so as to form a football pitch; at Park Lane, Great Houghton, where a quarry is being filled in; and at Ackworth where a dangerously steep disused railway cutting behind the Mount Pleasant housing estate is being filled in. At one point there was a 25' 0" sheer drop - that it had not been the scene of a serious, if not fatal, accident was a cause for surprise.

A new cesspool emptier was put into service. It has a capacity of 1400 gallons which greatly facilitated the work.

#### OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

There were 265 premises registered by the end of the year, 4 of which were new. 17 accidents were reported: 7 were falls; 3 were stepping on or striking some object; 7 happened during the handling of goods. None of the accidents was fatal.

All contraventions of the Act were quickly rectified so that recourse to legal proceedings was not necessary.

#### SEWERS

At Wragby, where the sewage disposal plant was in urgent need of renewal, it was found possible to connect to a new scheme of the Wakefield Rural District and, with the co-operation of that authority, this was done.

At Monckton, where the disposal plant was in a bad condition, largely due to vandalism, arrangements were made for an Ingold plant to be installed.

At Wentbridge a plant was installed to pump the village's sewage to a sewer delivering to Ackworth Sewage Disposal Works. Previously the sewage was delivered to a cesspool large enough to hold a day's supply and thence by an overflow to the river.

Walden Stubbs is the only village lacking a sewage system. It consists of some 20 rather scattered properties on a flat area so that the problem becomes one of economics.

#### RODENT CONTROL

Two rodent operatives are employed on this work. During the year 4,001 visits were made and 899 treatments given. The sewers were treated as recommended by the Ministry in May and November and the method adopted was the one they recommended.

#### CLEAN AIR ACT

No progress was made in the provision of Smoke Control Areas; the high proportion of the population receiving concessionary coal proved to be, as in previous years, an insuperable obstacle. It is easy to get agreement that a cleaner atmosphere is desirable but not that it is essential.

The fact that the object is "clean" air as opposed to "pure" air must not be lost sight of. New processes are commencing, adding further impurities, but few people seem to care so long as this aerial sewage is not visible. Many local authorities turn to incineration as a means of refuse disposal instead of some other means. The question to be answered now is how long can we continue to pollute the atmosphere before the danger level is reached?

#### SMOKE ABATEMENT

A plan for a district heating scheme to cover the new estate at Minsthorpe, the proposed swimming baths, an Old Folks Home and two schools was discussed. Although the school foundations were not laid the County stated that it was too late to participate in the scheme so, as the scheme would not be large enough without the school, the scheme had to be abandoned.

#### SLUM CLEARANCE

During the year 22 Demolition Orders, 5 Closing Orders and 1 Clearance Order were made affecting a total of 112 houses. 141 houses were demolished and the sites cleared.

Various authorities seek information concerning the estimated life of properties: this can be little more than an opinion as the oldest of houses can usually be made habitable provided sufficient work be done. As more people are buying and renovating so the problem increases.

The lack of fitness in some houses is due more to the tenant than to the landlord. When such houses become occupied by the owners the estimated length of life has almost invariably to be ~~extended~~.

#### COMPLAINTS

One of the possible causes of complaint was the proposed extension of a maggotorium - a word newly coined to denote premises where maggots are bred. The most modern plant for the treatment of the effluvia is to be installed but such plants usually require intelligent and knowledgeable handling, qualities not always available.

One source of complaint was a tarmacadam works from which a fine dust was escaping. A reasonably efficient dust extractor was designed and fitted, part of which was a screen covered with coke. On several occasions it was found that the screen was only partly covered due to the carelessness of a workman.

# RELEVANT STATISTICS

## HOUSING

No. of houses inspected during the year under the Public Health or Housing Act	..	..	278
No. of inspections made for the purpose	..	..	837
No. of houses considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation			124
No. of representations made	..	..	104
No. of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made (including houses in Clearance Areas)		..	110
No. of houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made			5
No. of houses in which defects were remedied (other than unfit houses) after notice under Public Health Acts		..	54
No. of houses demolished	..	..	141
No. of families displaced	..	..	201
No. of families rehoused by the Council	..	..	183
No. of families rehoused from overcrowded houses		..	5
No. of Certificates of Disrepair issued under the Rent Act, 1957			None
No. of Undertakings accepted	..	..	1
No. of Certificates of Disrepair cancelled		..	1

## VERMINOUS HOUSES (bedbugs and fleas)

### Council

### Others

No. found to be infested	2	11
No. disinfested	2	11

## WATER SUPPLIES

No. of samples examined:-

	Chemical		Plumbo-Solvency		Bacteriological	
	Sat.	Unsat.	Sat.	Unsat.	Sat.	Unsat.
Public Supply	59	-	-	-	58	1 (doubtful)
Private Supply	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	59	-	-	-	58	4



WATER

Table showing position in each Parish:-

<u>PARISH</u>	Estimated Population	Houses on Direct mains supply	Houses on Private supply	Total Number of houses
Ackworth	4,963	1,561	"	1,561
Badsworth	286	85	"	85
Billingley	152	46	"	46
Brierley	7,912	2,433	"	2,433
Great Houghton	2,366	758	3	761
Havercroft	2,463	709	"	709
Hessle & Hill Top	131	43	"	43
Huntwick, etc.	316	103	"	103
Kirk Smeaton	243	80	"	80
Little Houghton	978	298	"	298
Little Smeaton	294	77	"	77
North Elmsall	3,867	1,118	2	1,120
Ryhill	2,802	917	"	917
Shafton	2,245	715	"	715
South Elmsall	7,948	2,481	5	2,486
South Hiendley	1,584	498	"	498
South Kirkby	12,151	3,665	"	3,665
Thorpe Audlin	602	155	"	155
Upton	2,448	747	"	747
Walden Stubbs	83	15	3	18
West Hardwick	16	6	"	6
Totals	53,850	16,510	13	16,523

PETROLEUM SPIRIT

No. of licences renewed	..	66
No. of new licences	..	1

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

No. of private slaughterhouses in the district		3
No. of licences issued during the year	..	3

KNACKERS' YARDS

No. of licences renewed during the year	..	1
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SLAUGHTERMEN

No. of licences renewed during the year	..	16
No. of new licences issued during the year		-

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	342	-	-	704	449	-
Number inspected	342	-	-	704	449	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses in which some part or organ was condemned	58	-	-	37	11	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	17%	-	-	5.25%	2.45%	-
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	4	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	.89%	-
Cysticercosis:						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

		<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Total weight of home killed meat condemned at private slaughterhouses	..	7	3	10
Number of visits to slaughterhouses	..		522	
Total weight of other foods condemned	..	8	3	23
Number of inspections	..		59	

#### FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955, AND ICE CREAM

##### 1. No. of food premises in the area:-

a) Catering establishments	..	39	b) Bakehouses	..	10
c) Other food shops	..	278			

##### 2. No. of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955:-

a) Ice cream:		
(i) Manufacturers	2	
(ii) Retailers	148	
b) Sausages, potted or preserved food	32	

#### CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

a) Industrial Smoke:		
No. of prosecutions under the Act	..	None
b) Domestic Smoke:		
No. of smoke control areas declared during the year		None

#### MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

No. of sites licenced for caravans for holiday and recreational purposes	None
No. of caravans on these sites	.. None
No. of sites licenced for caravans for residential purposes	.. 3
No. of caravans on these sites	.. 3

#### SWIMMING BATHS AND BATHING POOLS

(i) No. of public swimming baths or pools	..	1
(ii) No. of privately owned baths or pools open to the public		None
(iii) No. of swimming baths exclusive to schools	..	1
(iv) No. of paddling pools	..	None
(v) No. of samples of bath water examined	..	90
(vi) No. satisfactory	..	86
		(4 doubtful)

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

	No. on Register	Inspections	No. of written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
1. Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	3	3	-	-
2. Factories not included in 1. in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	77	32	1	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	14	14	-	-
Total	94	49	1	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found:

<u>Particulars</u>	Found	Remedied	Referred		Prosecutions
			to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temp.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	-	1	-
Other offences	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	2	-	2	-

Outworkers - None



### NUISANCES

No. found during 1967	..	..	701
No. in hand in 1966	..	..	57
Total requiring abatement	..	..	758
Abated during the year	..	..	703
Outstanding at the end of 1967	..		55

### NOTICES

No. of informal notices served during 1967			84
No. complied with (27 from previous year)			74
No. of statutory notices served	..		36
No. complied with (20 from previous year)			38
No. of legal proceedings taken	..		None

### SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

No. of houses with privies or pail closets			96
No. of water closets added during the year			202
No. of houses provided with water closets			16,401
Other types of closets constructed	..		None
Total number of water closets	..		17,792

### PUBLIC CLEANSING

No. of premises with dustbins	..		17,188
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### CESSPOOL EMPTYING

No. of cesspools	..	..	138
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### SALVAGE

Collection of waste paper from business premises			112 tons 9 cwts
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# VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Housing	..	..	492
Improvement Grants	..	..	118
Rent Act, 1957	..	..	2
House Purchase	..	..	185
Nuisances and Complaints	..	..	834
Drains and Sewers	..	..	313
Sanitary conveniences	..	..	14
Infectious diseases	..	..	124
Food Poisoning (and suspected Food Poisoning & Dysentery)			644
Ponds, ditches etc.	..	..	41
Moveable dwellings	..	..	114
Changes in tenancies (Council Houses)		..	738
Application totake in lodgers	..	..	144
Wet or fried fish shops	..	..	33
Bakehouses	..	..	30
Ice-cream premises	..	..	36
Food preparing premises	..	..	21
Cafes, restaurants etc.	..	..	138
Licenced premises	..	..	8
Butchers shops	..	..	61
Other food shops	..	..	207
Hawkers of food	..	..	68
Food inspection	..	..	59
Slaughterhouses	..	..	522
Water supplies	..	..	30
Swimming baths	..	..	88
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963	..		290
Factories Acts	..	..	49
Spoilbanks	..	..	7
Petroleum Acts	..	..	23
Verminous premises	..	..	132
Re-visits (preliminary and statutory notices)	..		732
Clean Air	..	..	58
Hairdressers	..	..	26
Market	..	..	82
Rodent control	..	..	4,001
Abandoned vehicles	..	..	21
Scrap metal yards	..	..	7
Miscellaneous (interviews etc.)	..	..	845



